

Charity Number: 1177365

Flori's Friends Rescue (CIO)

**Trustees Report and Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the year ended 28 February 2024**

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Annual Report for the year ended 28 February 2024

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Charity Information

Registered Number: 1177365

Registered Address

Little Oaks
Bigbury Road
Chartham Hatch
CT4 7ND

Trustees

Samantha Ames	Resigned 14 July 2023
Michelle Suzanne Purt	Resigned 14 July 2023
Suzanne Woodhead	
Marina George	Appointed 4 July 2023
Alison Towler	Appointed 4 July 2023

Independent Examiner

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Trustees Report for the year ended 28 February 2024

The Trustees present their report and the receipts and payments accounts for the year ended 28 February 2024.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity information set out on Page 1 forms part of this report. The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

Governing Document

The charity is governed by its Trust Deed dated 28 February 2018.

Objectives, Aims and Activities

To promote humane behaviour towards animals, by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment, and security for animals which need care and attention due to sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances, or ill treatment. To educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.

We are a specialist rehabilitation centre for disabled and mobility impaired animals; often dealing with complex medical needs and taking these dogs on the road to recovery for them to go on and enjoy the rest of their lives like any other dog. The rehabilitation of these animals is more time consuming and more costly due to the surgery required and subsequent after care which can be resource hungry on volunteers and fosters, the rewards come when we see the animal fully rehabilitated and leading a normal life with their adopter. We have a specialist network of vets, suppliers and trainers who help us to take care of these dogs and get them the correct treatment for their needs. Once they have been treated physically and nursed back to health, we start to train them to use their new wheelchairs and sometimes even prosthetics. As they become used to their new wheels, we see them grow in confidence and really start to get their sparkle back.

We take in unwanted dogs and cats from across the UK; these have been abused or abandoned and need someone to show them love. We operate a strict no kill policy working with disabled dogs and ones with behavioural problems to fully rehabilitate them; providing them with wheelchairs and behavioural therapy to allow them to enjoy their lives just like any other dog. This often means we take the ones those other charities will not touch, we work with them, no matter how long it takes, to give them the second chance to lead a happy and fulfilled life.

We specialise in trauma and neglected cases, with 70% of our dogs having been subjected to excruciating pain, injury, and torture. Fifty percent of our animals come from killing stations in Europe. Dogs that ended up in these places are either severely abused and mishandled or destroyed using inhumane treatments such as hit around the head with hammers or injected with paint stripper.

Key Achievements and Future Plans

Throughout the year Flori's Friends Rescue have been able to provide support to and rehome animals from both UK and Europe, our focus has been the UK as so many animals have unfortunately been given up by their owners due to the economic climate. In the last 12 months a total of 72 cats, 2 cats were returned and rehomed. 12 dogs and 2 disabled dogs have been rescued and 1 rehomed, 2 dogs were returned and rehomed.

We have seen an increase in online sponsorships which provide support for our disabled dogs who live with end-of-life fosters and need long term specialist treatment. This provides a more interactive way for donors to support with the care and rehabilitation of animals.

Our Founder Natalia George has supported approximately 30 people in this period, teaching owners how to express dogs' bladders and how to walk in a wheelchair, they usually come to the charity after they have been seen by a vet.

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We now have 3 Trustees and 36 volunteers.

Our long-term strategy and main goal is to expand into a permanent UK rescue centre with the main focus being a paralysed dog rehabilitation facility; this will allow us to expand our rescue operation in the UK for dogs and cats spending more time rehabilitating animals as and when required. Once we have a UK rescue centre base with on-site facilities, we can rehabilitate more disabled dogs rather than placing them on a waiting list until we have space. A UK rescue centre will allow us to take in animals from the local council e.g., emergency rescues. Going forward this will be a place for volunteers to visit and interact with our team and animals. Our Founder will run an after-school club for children, teaching them animal husbandry.

Fundraising is done online social media and through grant applications to established Trusts and Foundations. We do not use e-mails to personal e-mail accounts or telephone calls, as a means of fundraising.

We collect and process data in accordance with The Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 and we never pass supporters' details on to any other charities or organisations. We keep supporters' information secure, and up to date, only retaining for as long as it is required.

The charity has 2 paid employees, and the charity engages the services of, a self-employed Dog trainer, a self-employed Marketing manager and Fundraising manager to oversee these functions. They are all accountable to the board.

The Trustees are sincerely grateful to all their supporters, all donations make a significant difference to the work the charity is able to do.

Approved by the Trustees on 16/09/2024.....and signed on their behalf by:



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S Woodhead
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Flori's Friends Rescue

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Flori's Friends Rescue for the year ended 28 February 2024.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examination work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my independent examination work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jessica Lawrence

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 28 February 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts					
Donations		74,312	-	74,312	75,665
Fundraising		1,211	-	1,211	2,788
Adoption fees		4,820	-	4,820	13,875
Lottery		32,945	-	32,945	26,195
Grants		30,500	-	30,500	28,178
Gift aid and sundry		2,208	-	2,208	1,523
Total receipts		145,996	-	145,996	148,224
Payments					
Accountancy and Independent examination		3,976	-	3,976	4,715
Dogs transportation		12,370	-	12,370	8,099
Dogs training, walking and behavioural fees		7,243	-	7,243	8,300
Veterinary fees		32,513	-	32,513	29,348
Food, accessories and microchips		24,219	-	24,219	30,909
Lottery prizes		11,521	-	11,521	12,721
Events		376	-	376	600
Contractor fees		-	-	-	445
Grants		6,020	-	6,020	11,000
Wages and salaries		24,495	-	24,495	24,227
Support costs	2	36,114	-	36,114	30,175
VAT recovered on payments	2	(7,908)	-	(7,908)	(15,909)
Total payments		150,939	-	150,939	144,630
Surplus/(Deficit) of receipts over payments		(4,943)	-	(4,943)	3,594
Cash funds at 28 February 2023		71,717	-	71,717	68,123
Cash funds at 28 February 2024		66,774	-	66,774	71,717

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 28 February 2024

	28 Feb 2024 £	28 Feb 2023 £
Bank accounts	66,774	71,717
VAT recoverable reclaim due	9,975	9,906
Total assets	76,749	81,623
Accruals – Independent Examination and accounts	(505)	(211)
Total liabilities	(505)	(211)

Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 16/09/2024 and signed on their behalf by:



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S Woodhead
Trustee

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Notes to the receipts and payments accounts for the year ended 28 February 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and following the guidance for accounting for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commission.

2. Support costs

	2024	2023
Advertising, marketing, merchandise and website	1,814	3,411
Vehicle lease fees, vehicle expenses and travel costs	13,086	13,031
Printing, stationery, postage and office costs	3,885	1,775
Computer and IT	1,449	1,514
Insurance	5,225	3,848
Telephone	1,257	1,197
Sundry	9,398	5,399
Total payments	36,114	30,175

Expenses are recognised gross in the receipts and payments accounts and VAT recovered credit relates to amounts of potentially irrecoverable VAT which have been recovered by the charity.

3. Employees

The average number of employees was 2 (2023: 2).

4. Unrestricted Funds

As at 28 February 2024	Balance at March 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at February 2024 £
Unrestricted funds	71,717	145,996	(150,939)	66,774
	71,717	145,996	(150,939)	66,774

As at 28 February 2023	Balance at March 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at February 2023 £
Unrestricted funds	68,123	148,224	(144,630)	71,717
	68,123	148,224	(144,630)	71,717

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5. Lease commitments

Total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2024	2023
Due within one year	3,138	3,138
Due between two and five years	6,879	10,017
	10,017	13,155